

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
APRIL 8, 2010

Present: Fran Dyer, Bruce Henry, Montez James, Larry Kraker, Rebecca Murphy, Luise Smith

Absent: Rory Lundberg, Stephen Lyon, Marilyn Stephens

Approval of minutes - Motion was made to approve as written and seconded by board.

NEW BUSINESS

PARK NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL: Jim Humphrey introduced Col. Dr. Jack Barck to speak about beachside property donation by his deceased wife Grayce. Request was made to change name of park to Grayce Barck Park. The board offered other name variations such as Grayce Barck Beach Park. A motion to accept the name Grayce Barck Beach Park was made by Montez James and seconded by Larry Kraker. With a unanimous vote, the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Commission.

ESTHER STREET PARKING: The Parks & Rec board is being asked to recommend a preferred plan for the Esther Street property. The City purchased the Property with funding from the Community Redevelopment Agency and a grant from the State of FL. The original concept plan was submitted to the State as part of the grant application but was later modified taking into consideration comments from Parks and Recreation and surrounding residents. The preferred plan widens Esther to a 2 way street. This would require a 9' easement from the property owners to the south who have not been cooperative. The 2-way street scenario would allow salvaging the existing dune system and maintaining privacy to residents. The plan allows for restroom facilities and showers, picnic pavilions, a skate feature, sand volleyball court and boardwalk out to the beach with some observation platforms and playground equipment. A motion was made by Bruce Henry to recommend the 2-way street plan, the motion was seconded and the board voted in favor of the motion.

Gail was introduced to the board as the Planning Manager. Discussion was had regarding a skate feature (bench) being added to all the parks in an effort to get skaters off the streets. The board does not want it to be a deal breaker, however.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Each board member gives Liz three names - the student receiving the most votes was Megan Knutson who will receive the \$1000.00 award.

BUDGET: Cuts are eminent and any urgent improvements will be discussed.

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